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MP launches new campaign to prevent exploitation

IT'S TIME TO END CHILD SEX ABUSE

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A CAMPAIGN calling for new child sexual abuse prevention orders has been launched by an Oxford MP this week in order to prevent thousands of children from being exploited.

Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, launched the Childhood Lost campaign on Tuesday to prevent vulnerable children every year being cynically targeted, groomed and sexually exploited.

The campaign is a response to the Oxford child sex ring case where seven men - Anjum Dogar, Akhtar Dogar, Assad Hussain, Mohammed Karrar, Bassam Karrar, Kamar Jamil and Zeeshan Ahmed - were sentenced for a total of 95 years in June.

Ms Blackwood said: "As an Oxford MP, I have seen for myself the appalling devastation caused by child sexual exploitation.

"Victims were not only targeted by abusers but also failed by those supposed to protect them. That must end now.

"And yet the evidence is clear, the current prevention orders do not give police the tools they need to prevent child sexual abuse. The law is still failing victims."

In 2012-13 there were 18,915 sexual crimes against children and Childhood Lost is petitioning the Prime Minister to implement six steps to stop exploitation.

Step one is to introduce new child sexual abuse prevention orders to give police the power to prevent

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• *A poster for the campaign which has been launched by Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood, pictured above, right*
Main picture courtesy of Childhood Lost posed by models

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Lads' mag protesters want issues shelved

PROTESTORS gathered in Oxford on Saturday to voice their concerns about a supermarket's stocking of 'lads' magazines'.

Oxford Against Lads Mags held signs and placards as they protested at Tesco on Cowley Road stocking 'dehumanising' magazines.

It was part of a nationwide day of campaigning by similar groups, who are concerned the magazines fuel sexism and portray women as sexual objects.

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Jane Alexander, one of the protest's organisers, said: "By selling lads' mags, Tesco is sending out the damaging message that it's normal and acceptable to treat women like dehumanised sex objects.

"Tesco is also breaching its own policy of not stocking pornographic magazines.

"Lads' mags are sexist, pornographic publications that frequently carry adverts for prostitution, sex phone lines and lap dancing clubs.

"Tesco would never allow 'girly calendars' on their shop walls, so what are sexist, degrading lads' mags doing on their shelves?

"Both ethically and legally, lads' mags are well past their sell by date. It's crucial Tesco acts now to lose the lads' mags."

Protests were organised throughout the country, including London, Birmingham, Sheffield, Nottingham, Bristol, York and Glasgow.

Ms Alexander confirmed the group collected around 60 signatures as a result of the protest.

A Tesco spokesperson said: "We've had in depth conversations with our customers about this issue, and we're putting new measures in place based on what they have told us they want.

"We've listened carefully to the concerns raised by the campaign groups, but our priority is to make sure we meet our customers' needs and expectations.

"To do that, we have secured agreement from the publishers of Zoo, Nuts and Front that their magazine covers will be more modest from now on and the publishers of Bizarre will now supply the magazine in a bag.

"We are restricting the sale of these magazines to people over the age of 18, to reassure parents who do not want their children to be able to purchase these titles.

"And we will ensure these titles are always placed on the back tier of the magazine shelves, so that the cover is obscured with only the title visible."

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End this child sex exploitation now

• *From front page*

sex offenders abusing children with the next step being to make sure that local areas set up a specialist child sexual exploitation centre, needed to identify and protect victims.

The campaign is also calling to give judges clear guidance on sentencing child sexual exploitation cases and reform courts so that vulnerable witnesses are no longer traumatised by giving evidence.

The campaign is supported by the NSPCC, Barnardo's, The Children's Society, PACE (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation), Save the Children, ECPAT and OXCAT.

Peter Wanless, chief executive of the NSPCC, said: "For too long people who have been the victim of child sexual abuse have been let down by the system.

"I hope the Childhood Lost campaign will help them secure the justice they deserve."

To sign the petition visit www.childhoodlost.co.uk.

Child sex abuse campaign is a response to sex ring jailings

• *(Left to right) Akhtar Dogar, Anjum Dogar, Assad Hussain, Bassam Karrar, Kamar Jamil, Mohammed Karrar and Zeeshan Ahmed (Pictures courtesy of Thames Valley Police)*

Unprovoked attack

POLICE are appealing for information after a man was attacked in Oxford in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The 32-year-old victim was walking along Queen Street in the city centre, near the Crabtree and Evelyn shop, when he was approached by another man he did not know.

The man headbutted him and knocked him to the floor. He then punched and kicked him while he lay on the ground, before fleeing the scene.

The victim was left with blood pouring from his forehead, and marks on his face and back.

No description of the attacker is available at this time.

Officers would like to speak to anyone who saw the incident, as the area was busy at the time and there were a number of taxis around in the area.

If you have information, contact PC Simon Gray from Oxford police station on non-emergency contact 101. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Headington traffic issues: What do you think?

CONSULTATION is now open for Headington residents to voice their opinions on transport problems in the area.

Oxfordshire County Council has started work on a study that will examine current transport problems in and around Headington, as well as potential pressures from future developments.

Other areas affected by the study include Marston, Barton, Risnghurst and Wood Farm.

Councillor David Nimmo Smith, the county council's cabinet member for transport, said: "We know that people in Headington are very keen to have a say and to shape the future of transport in their community.

"There's a range of ways in which people can make their views known, make suggestions and play their part.

"Once the consultation is closed we'll be looking carefully at what people have said to see how the feedback can inform the development of the strategy."

Officers will be on hand at the Headington Farmers' Market on Friday September 13 to receive people's comments.

Visit the county council's website to take part in the consultation, or email lts.team@oxfordshire.gov.uk. The consultation period will close on September 27.

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£60,000 Spindleberry Park transformation on the way

AN Oxford park is set to be transformed after receiving £60,000 of funding, which has been secured by the City Council and Blackbird Leys Parish Council.

Spindleberry Park in Blackbird Leys will see funding spent on strengthening its links between Frys Hill Park and Spindleberry Nature Reserve.

There are also proposals to include new footpaths, a bridge, a natural play area and improvements to Northfield Brook, using the money provided by Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN).

Councillor Mark Lygo, board member for parks, sports and events, said: "This is fantastic news for everyone involved in the project and local residents of Blackbird Leys.

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"A huge amount of hard work has gone into securing this funding and it's great to see that work pay off.

"The improvements will make the area much more appealing for local residents and we hope to see more people getting active in the park.

"We are doing a huge amount of work on improving open spaces and other facilities in the area, including on-going improvements to Blackbird Leys Park which has recently been awarded Green Flag status."

A 'green partnership' of groups interested in the future of the park has been formed, including the Leys Housing Consortium, local schools, colleges, youth clubs, wildlife and volunteer groups.

Gordon Roper, chairman of Blackbird Leys Parish Council, said: "This is brilliant news for the estate.

"The park will become a huge asset for children from local schools and families to see nature at its best."

Environmental charity Groundwork South was commissioned earlier in the year to consult with the local community on the future of Spindleberry Park.

"We're delighted that WREN has awarded the grant to this project," said Rob Tilley from Groundwork.

"We'll be able to help improve access and implement a range of environmental improvements, benefiting the local community and helping protect the environment."

Work is scheduled to start in the autumn and completed within a 12-month period, in a long-term programme of events and improvements providing a lasting legacy for the area.

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Runners ready to get under starter's orders for Headington 5 and club's anniversary

THIS weekend's Headington 5 is no ordinary race, as it also marks the 25th anniversary of one of Oxford's running clubs.

Headington Road Runners will celebrate their 25th birthday this Sunday by staging an open five mile road race around East Oxford.

The race starts at 9.30am at Oxsrad in Marston, an integrated sports and leisure centre, which is where the Headington Road Runners are based.

All profits will go to Oxsrad which caters for the able and disabled, young and old, and whose existence relies exclusively on voluntary donations.

Today is the last day that you can enter online to take part in the race but entries will be accepted on the day up to one hour before the start time.

The Headington Road Runners are hoping to make the race an annual event. To enter online, visit hrr.org.uk/h5m.

• Pictured (left to right) Steve Cowls, race director and chair of the club, Manny Stone, race organiser and treasurer, Sax Saxton, manager at Oxsrad, Anita James, event administrator and vice chair, Bob Green, chief marshal, and Pam Smith, organiser.

HS2 lobby group director says rail link is 'not worth the money' and a 'grand folly'

A LOBBY group's director is urging the government to derail HS2.

Simon Walker, director general of the Institute of Directors (IoD) says that the high-speed rail project, which will pass through the north east of the county, is "not worth the money" and as a "grand folly".

"Businesses up and down the country know value for money when they see it, and our research shows that they don't see it in the government's case for HS2," said Mr Walker.

"Overall there appears to be little enthusiasm amongst IoD members, not even in the regions where the benefits are supposed to be strongest. Indeed, our research shows that almost every region expects London to benefit the most."

"The IoD cannot support the government's current economic case for HS2 when so many of our members are doubtful of the benefits.

"It is time for the government to look at a thousand smaller projects instead of falling for one grand folly."

Stop HS2 campaign manager Joe Rukin added: "It doesn't matter if you are looking at economic activity, regional growth, environmental impacts or even the last argument standing about capacity, none of the arguments for HS2 stack up."

The government have reassured those against HS2 that it will be worth the money, forecasting that the project will generate billions in economic benefits.

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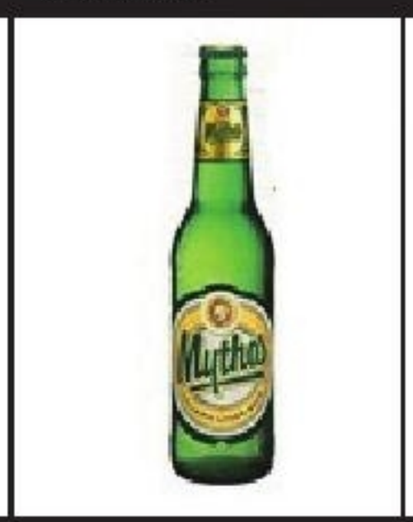

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Museum dusts itself off for fashion show

• Anna Samoilenka (Right) and Jessica Adams (above) will be part of the Dress Up LiveFriday event tomorrow

• Scenes from Oxford Fashion Week in 2012 (Pictures by Claire Williams)

VOLUNTEER models will be taking to the catwalk this week, as the Dress Up LiveFriday event at the Ashmolean Museum invites visitors to dress up and discover styles from throughout history and around the world.

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Two of the models chosen at the casting session last week were Anna Samoilenka and Jessica Adams, with Anna walking the runway tomorrow evening and Jessica taking part in the Style Blogger Showcase.

As well as tomorrow's runway show, visitors will also have the chance to view the museum's collection and enjoy contemporary fashion through style presentations, photoshoots, talks and workshops. Face of Oxford Fashion Week, Tiffany Saunders, said: "It's really interesting, we've got lots of different things going on at the same time.

"I have taken part in modelling at Oxford Fashion Week every year since 2010, and this year I was asked if I would also be interested in being on the panel. We put together a workshop as part of the rehearsal to do some coaching with the girls, as a lot of them aren't professional models, they're just girls from the Oxford area." Organisers are also looking for Ultimate Style Icons, as they hope to find men and women who stand out for their bold, characterful and original style.

Style scouts will be highlighting the nine most inspired dressers at Dress Up LiveFriday, and are asking for nominations to be made to their Facebook page ready for tomorrow's event.

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Hairdressers blaze drama

FIREFIGHTERS battled for hours against a blaze in a hairdressers in Oxford on Monday morning.

Specialist fire crews from Rewley Road, Slade and Eynsham fire stations fought the flames at the Toni and Guy salon on George Street after being called out at 4.05am.

No-one was injured in the fire, which caused damage to the front and inside of the premises.

Road closed

AN A34 slip road will be closed overnight tonight as repainting work is carried out on road marking.

The southbound exit slip road north of Abingdon will be shut from 10pm until 6am, with diversion routes set in place during this time.

Operation 'first'

SURGEONS in Oxford have carried out what is believed to be the first operation in the UK of its kind, after they replaced part of nine-year-old Oliver Kirk's skull with a ceramic implant.

Oliver had some of his skull removed in February after it became seriously infected, and had to wear a helmet for protection ever since.

Consultant surgeon Shailendra Magdum said: "Ollie's case is, I think, the first case in this country to use this material. We had experience of doing it for a couple of cases of trauma, but not for infection."

Is your child protected against risk of measles?

Commuters clock up 100,000 miles

OXFORD'S commuters clocked up over 100,000 miles as part of a Travel Challenge earlier this summer.

Over 1,000 people registered 132,500 miles travelling to and from work by alternative means than driving.

Oxfam won the Oxfordshire Travel Challenge in July, by having the highest proportion of staff of any company to take part.

Jane Cotton, Oxfam's HR Director said: "Winning this fantastic challenge is a sign of how committed our staff are to sustainable modes of transport. Our commuters include car sharers, bus and train users, walkers and even one runner.

"But by far the most popular method of transport is cycling. Our cyclists saved an impressive 2,981kg of CO_2 during the duration of the challenge.

"Oxfam aims to provide the best facilities for cyclists at Oxfam House, as well as working with local organisations such as Cyclox to improve the cycle infrastructure in and around Oxford."

• Hazel Walsh (centre left) presents the award to Oxfam's HR director Jane Cotton

The three-week challenge was organised by Oxfordshire Sports Partnership.

Hazel Walsh from Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, said "The 2013 Travel Challenge was a great success and showed people there are many ways of travelling for work.

"Although it often feels easier and quicker to jump in the car other methods can be more relaxing, cheaper and more sociable. I tried cycling in during the challenge and I'm definitely a convert- I felt so much healthier as a result and saved all the petrol money."

By **Adam Flinn**

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PARENTS and guardians across the county are being encouraged to make sure their children are protected against measles ahead of the new school term starting next week.

Oxfordshire County Council's public health team are hoping to ensure as many children are vaccinated as possible, after a recent rise in measles cases nationally.

The number of cases locally has remained low, with only one instance reported in the first six months of the year, and just six in the whole of 2012.

But over the summer months, children who have not been completely immunised risk being exposed to the measles virus, due to people moving around the country on their holidays.

This could mean the virus is picked up elsewhere and taken back to school.

Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles, council cabinet member for public health, said: "In Oxfordshire, figures for cases have remained very low, however there have been well-documented outbreaks elsewhere in the country.

"We want to make sure that children in the county have the best protection possible and the best way to do this is to have both doses of the MMR vaccination.

"Most children receive the first dose when they are two and then the second before they are five, but it is never too late to be vaccinated.

"Obviously during the holidays children and young people move around a lot and are therefore more at risk of catching the virus.

"To be protected, children need both doses of the vaccine and this can easily be done at your GP practice.

"It is a good idea to get your child fully immunised before they go back to school to help stop others potentially catching measles."

Symptoms of measles can include fever, cough, red eyes and a blocked nose, with a blotchy rash appearing on the face and spreads to the rest of the body over several days.

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Tilley praises Oxfordshire's GCSE students

OXFORDSHIRE County Council's cabinet member for Children, Education and Families has praised this year's GCSE students for their hard work.

Thousands of teenagers across the county received their exam results last Thursday and early indications from the council show that around 60 per cent of students in Oxfordshire achieved five A* to C grades including English and Maths.

Although the figure will not be confirmed until later this year, it represents an improvement on last year's figure of 57.9 per cent.

Cllr Melinda Tilley said: "The results mark the end of years of hard work for students and teachers alike, and as always, I'd like to congratulate them and pay tribute to their dedication.

"The role of parents in supporting students through their exams should also be recognised.

"At a national level, much is already being made of the proportion of top grades apparently falling for the second year running. We can't say at this stage whether Oxfordshire has bucked that trend but if confirmed, early indications for A* to C including English and Maths would represent an improvement on the county's results last year, which is obviously something we hope is borne out."

She added: "I'd like to wish all our students future success as they start the next chapter in their lives."

For anyone who did not receive the results they were hoping for help can be found on the Oxcentric website and through the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900.

Will film be a hit? Do the maths, say boffins!

A NEW analytical model can determine the success of films, a month before they are released in cinemas, according to Oxford University researchers.

The study analysed the Wikipedia page activity of 312 American films released in 2009 and 2010.

It took into account number of page views, amount of contributors, the type of online user and the number of edits made to the article.

The model, applied retrospectively, allowed the researchers to chart the online buzz on Wikipedia around particular films, and compared this with the box office takings from the first weekend after release.

The comparison between the predicted opening weekend revenue, using their mathematical model, and the actual figures (published in Internet Movie Database [IMDb]) showed a high degree of correlation.

The study, which was carried out with researchers from Central European University of Budapest, allowed researchers to predict revenues with an overall 77 per cent accuracy rate.

Dr Taha Yasseri, from the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford, said:

By **James Booker**

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"These results can be of great value to marketing firms but more importantly for us, we were able to demonstrate how we can use socially generated online data to predict a lot about future human behaviour. The predicting power of the Wikipedia-based model, despite its simplicity compared with Twitter, is that many of the editors of the Wikipedia pages about the movies are committed movie-goers who gather and edit relevant material well before the release date.

"By contrast, the "mass" production of tweets occurs very close to the release time, and often these can be spun by marketing agencies rather than reflecting the feelings of the public."

The more successful the film, the more accurately researchers were able to predict box office takings.

This is possibly due to the increased amount of online data generated by films that turn out to be successes.

The model correctly predicted the commercial success of Iron Man 2, Alice in Wonderland, Toy Story 3 and Inception, but failed to accurately forecast the less successful movies Never Let Me Go and Animal Kingdom.

It has not yet been applied to films that are not on release.

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He said: "It's fantastic and a testament to all the hard work club members have put in, not just over 12 months, but over many years.

"It's certainly a great honour to win the trophy and especially sweet as BSAC is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year."

Mary Tetley, BSAC chief executive, said: "Oxford BSAC stood out for the way the whole club was involved in compiling its application, a report which clearly highlighted what was considered by the judges to be some significant achievements. These included the club's purchase of its own hardboat 'Endeavour', and the integration of a vibrant snorkelling and 'try dive' programme."

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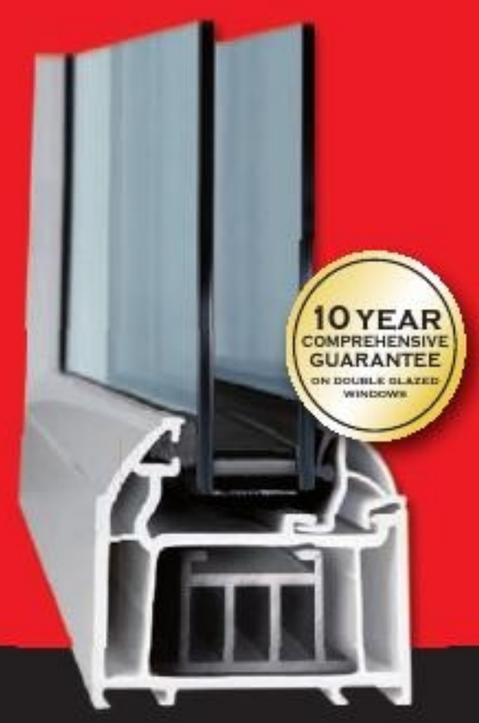

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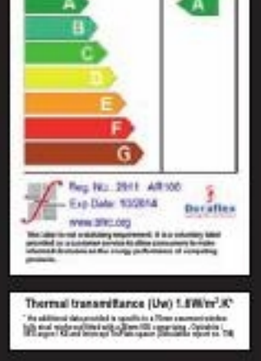

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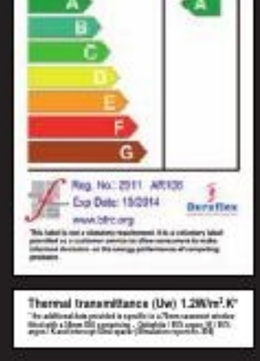

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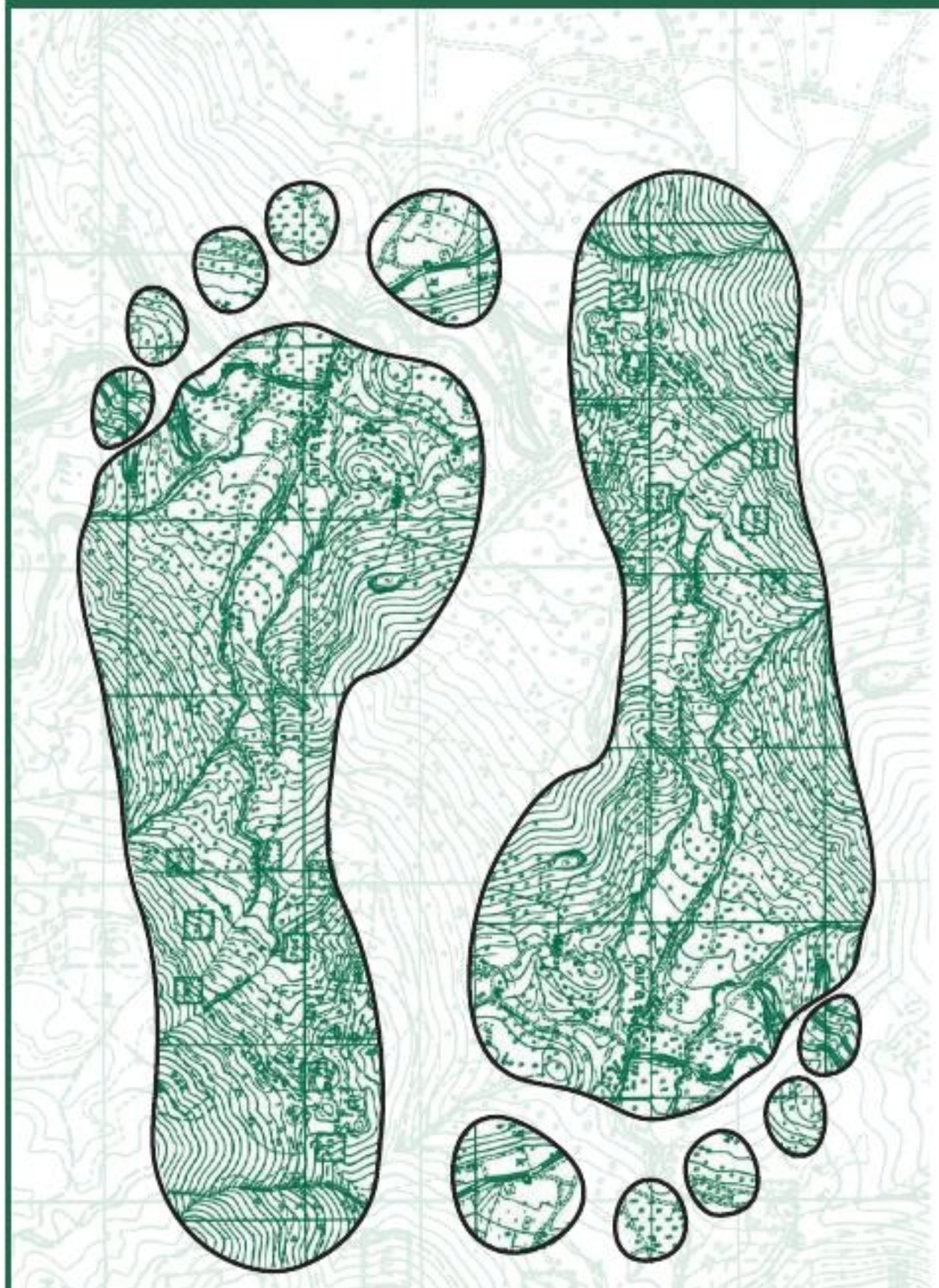

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REVIEW: VAUXHALL CASCADA

By **Philip Shoulder**

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THE Cascada is Vauxhall's first new mid-sized convertible in 70 years.

It is a full four-seat, fabric-roof convertible which at nearly 4.7 metres in length is longer than an Audi A5 Convertible and positions Vauxhall in a sector that it hasn't occupied since the 1930s.

The model is 4.7 metres in length – more than 70mm longer than Audi's A5 Convertible – with a full-size fabric roof, giving the car a classy and elegant profile, seen in the two official images. The roof can be opened or closed at the touch of a button, even when the car is moving at up to 30mph.

Cascada, a Spanish word meaning waterfall, is the third new name to be introduced by Vauxhall this year, following Mokka and ADAM, and each model is set to be incremental to the company's current line-up.

The Cascada marks Vauxhall's departure from the compact cabrio sector, with which it enjoyed much success with cars like the Astra Mk.3 Convertible and the more recent Astra Twin Top. The Cascada is a full 225mm longer than the Astra Twin Top (which was discontinued in 2010) and now targets rivals in the mid-size sector. Priced from £23,995 – nearly £8,000 less than Vauxhall's premium rival.

Vauxhall's new full-size, four-seat convertible, the Cascada, priced from £23,995 on-the-road – nearly £8,000 less than its main rival in the premium drop-top sector – when it arrives in showrooms this April.

With the Audi A5 Cabriolet firmly in its sights, the Cascada offers affordability paired with outstanding levels of equipment, technology and luxury. It comes in two trims, with the entry level SE getting 18-inch alloy wheels, a sports chassis, LED tail lamps and aux-in/USB, all as standard. The up-level Elite includes leather trim, heated front seats and steering wheel and front fog lamps.

"Cascada is set to change people's perception of Vauxhall once again," said Duncan Aldred, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director. 'The full-size convertible sector tends only to be occupied by very high-priced cars from premium manufacturers. With Cascada, we're offering customers high levels of equipment, technology and luxury but at an affordable price."

VERDICT

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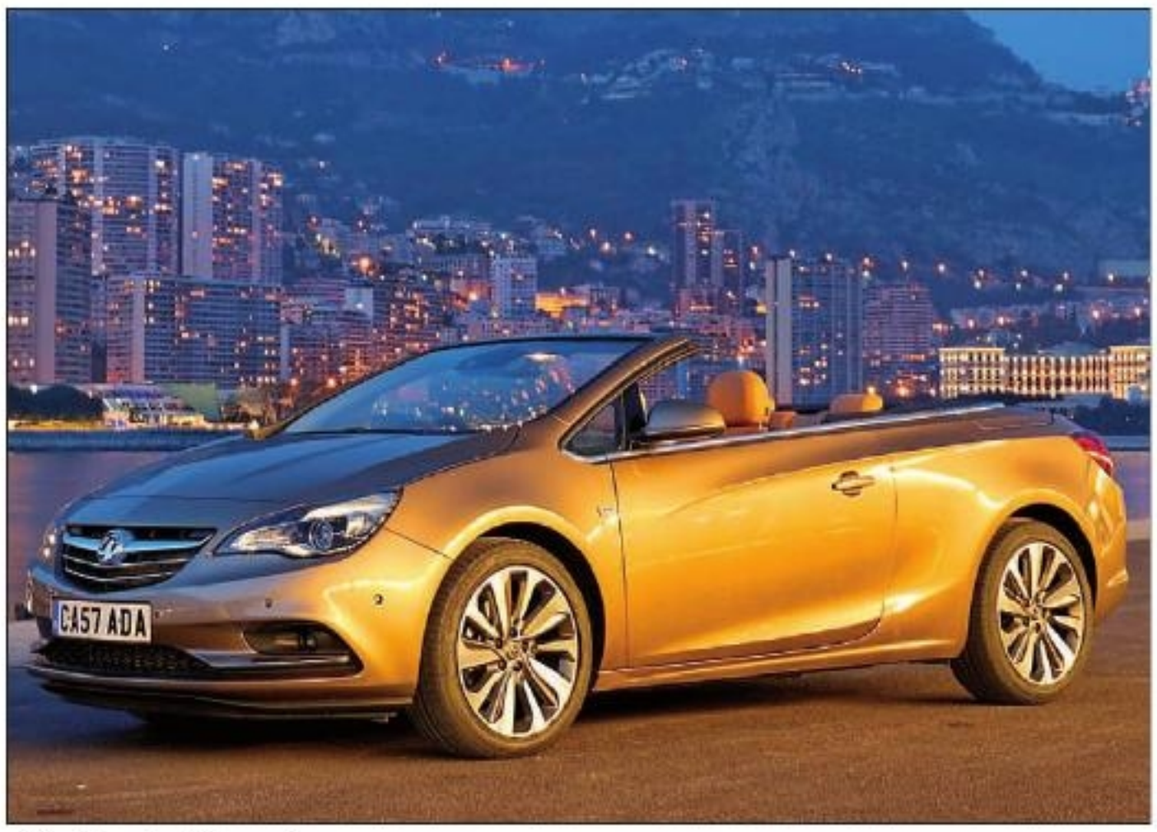

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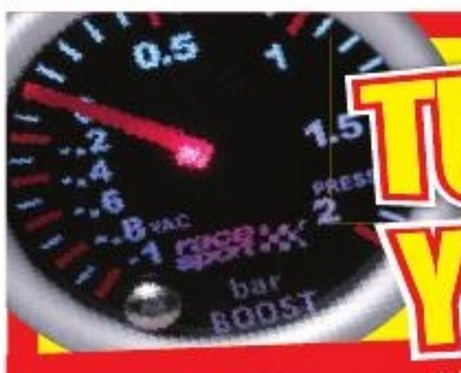

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MULLINS' LATE SHOW KEEPS OXFORD TOP

Defender's 96th minute strike rescues point for League Two leaders

JOHNNY Mullins salvaged a late point for Oxford United to earn the U's a 2-2 draw at home to Wycombe Wanderers last Saturday.

The defender's 96th minute equaliser, the second time he has struck late this season, ensured United's status as the league leaders on goal difference as they stretched their unbeaten run to four games.

Wycombe edged the first half and deservedly took the lead just before the break through former United striker Dean Morgan.

However, the game was turned on its head when Wycombe's Charles Dunne was sent off for an elbow on Alfie Potter, and United took full advantage with Danny Rose curling home the resulting free-kick on 51 minutes.

However, United were not level for long as eight minutes later Morgan converted from the spot after David Hunt needlessly brought him down in the area.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Chris Wilder's men continued to search for an equaliser, and they made full use of the seven minutes of added time as the ball fell nicely for Mullins who drilled past Matt Ingram for the equaliser.

The defender told the club: "It's another performance where we've not played as well with the ball but we dug in and ultimately we're still unbeaten. We kept going right until the end and that's all you can ask for, we kept digging in and thankfully we got a result."

Wilder was more than pleased to see his side remain unbeaten.

"There's a few gloomy faces in the dressing room but I'm not gloomy at all because it is ten points from four games so it's a good start for us. It was a tough game and I think sometimes you have to give credit to the opposition. Their manager (Gareth Ainsworth) is a passionate guy that wants to win, as we all do, and he's got his team going again and we've had a battle on. We did put ourselves in a poor position with a needless penalty but we came back.

"There was a lot of added time and rightly so because they were being professional and wanted to see the game out but we went to the end and got a point out of it."

United were without top scorer Deane Smalley as the striker was rested with a tight hamstring but he is expected to feature this weekend as the U's welcome Rochdale to the Kassam.

Oxford United	2
Wycombe Wanderers	2

• Johnny Mullins, unsuccessful with this effort, fired home a late equaliser against Wycombe last Saturday (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Burnell demands better consistency

LONDON Welsh head coach Justin Burnell has demanded greater consistency and called for his players to be more clinical when presented with try-scoring opportunities.

Burnell was left frustrated after his side conceded a last-gasp converted try against Scarlets in their 16-16 draw at the Kassam Stadium on Sunday.

The Exiles had previously spurned several try scoring opportunities of their own, and missed nine points with the boot.

"The better the opposition the more clinical you have to be," said Burnell. "When the opportunities arose we didn't take them.

"Against poor sides you can make 10 to 20 mistakes but when you come up against good sides you just can't afford to do that. You've got to kick your kicks.

"We did some magical things and looked a very good side and then within two minutes you can look like an average side. It's getting that balance right."

City lose out twice in three days

OXFORD City had a Bank Holiday weekend to forget as they lost twice in three days in the new Skrill Conference North season.

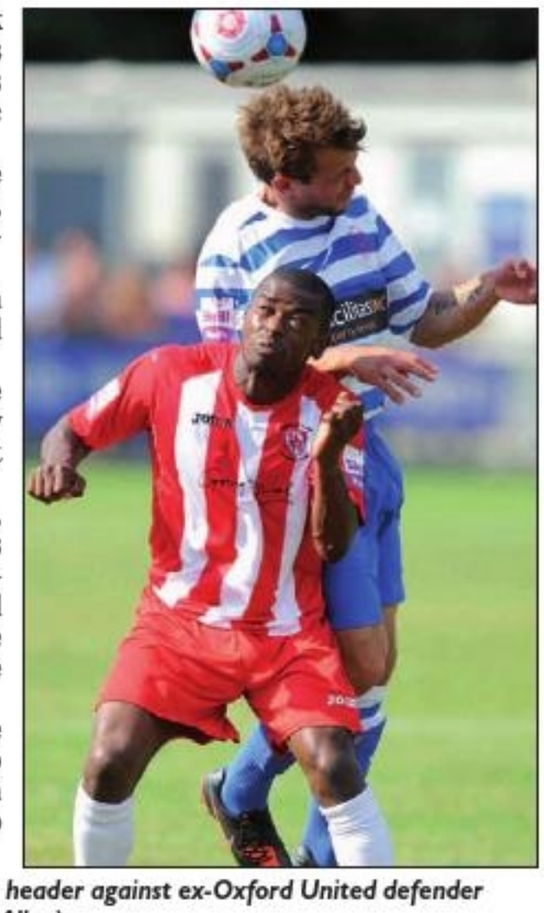
Saturday was a miserable away-day for Mike Ford's men, as they went down 3-0 at high-flying Hednesford Town.

A Wayne Riley strike and a late brace from Elliott Durrell consigned City to defeat.

And they were suffering the same feeling on Monday as they entertained Brackley Town at Court Place Farm.

Despite a battling display, Steve Diggan's goal 14 minutes from time proved the difference between the sides, and ensured the Northamptonshire side left Oxford with all three points.

City are still winless in the new season, and will hope to rectify that on Saturday when they travel to West Yorkshire to face Bradford Park Avenue.



• Liam Malone challenges for a header against ex-Oxford United defender Eddie Anaclet (Picture by Mike Allen)

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